

Flame Extinguishment Experiment-2 (FLEX-2)



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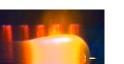
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Left to Right: Image of Bi-component fuel droplet; color image of burning single fuel droplet; FLEX Chamber Insert Assembly Apparatus; image of burning droplet subjected to convective flows.

Objective:

 Modular apparatus designed for fundamental droplet combustion investigations

Investigate bi-component fuels

Examine the influence of sub-buoyant convective flows

Study practical fuels

Extend single droplet studies to binary arrays of droplets

Relevance/Impact:

- Extend single droplet combustion studies of pure fuels to consider idealized fuel mixtures and practical fuels
- Extend single droplet combustion studies to environments more relevant to engines (droplets in a flow-field and droplet-droplet interactions).
- Use experimental data to develop verified detailed and reducedorder models of droplet combustion.

Development Approach:

 PI unique fuel/gas containers built and launched to existing onorbit Chamber Insert Assembly minimizing up-mass/volume, costs, and crew involvement

ISS Resource Requirements

| 100 Resource Requirements | | | | | | | |
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| Accommodation (carrier) | Combustion Integrated Rack | | | | | | |
| Upmass (kg) (w/o packing factor) | 200 kg | | | | | | |
| Volume (m³) (w/o packing factor) | 0.08 m ³ | | | | | | |
| Power (kw) (peak) | 1.5 Kw | | | | | | |
| Crew Time (hrs) - Initial configuration of CIR Rack - Change-outs during experiment | 8.5 hrs 8.3 hrs | | | | | | |
| Autonomous Ops (hrs) | 300hrs | | | | | | |
| Launch/Increment | 19A/TBD | | | | | | |

Project Life Cycle Schedule

| Milestones | SCR | RDR/PDR | CDR | VRR | Safety (PH-3) | PSR | Ship | Launch | Ops | Return | Final Report |
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| Actual/ Baseline | Nov 2007 | Oct 2008 | Dec 2008 | Mar 2009 | Apr 2009 | Aug 2009 | L-4 | Feb 2010 | Apr 2009 | Jul 2010 | Jul 2011 |
| Documentation | Website: eRoom: | | | | SRD: EDMP: | | | Project Plan: SEMP: | | | |

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